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21 July 1952

Dear Mr. Vaudrin:

I have received your letter of 1 July 1952. Personally, I concur in Bill Langer's judgment in regard to the publication of a book by Skorzeny. He is a contentious character both as to his past and present activities. As far as I know he is still in Spain, but he moves about a good deal and I have not seen a very recent report on him.

Personally, I doubt whether there is any great national interest involved one way or the other, but naturally anything that tends to build up a colorful and prominent Nazi probably plays into the hands of those who might be tempted to revive a Nazi movement. The impact of a book in Europe, if it were reprinted there, would be more serious than any such effect in the United States.

As a matter of fact I thought that Skorzeny had said what he had to say in his book, "Skorzeny's Secret Missions" published by E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc., (1950) with which you are undoubtedly familiar.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

I have just received a note from Mr. Knopf in Colorado asking me to get in touch with you on his behalf in connection with the question raised in Mr. Langer's letter of 21 June, a copy of which I enclose herewith. Mr. Knopf would greatly appreciate it if you would let us know whether you think we would be well advised to pursue the matter of a book by Skorseny. Mrs. Knopf is now in Europe and could, if it seemed advisable and worthwhile, perhaps arrange a meeting with Skorseny, assuming that he is no longer in hiding. We should be most grateful indeed for any advice you might be prepared to offer.

Yours very sincerely,

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WILLIAM L. LANGER



June 21, 1952

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Dear Alfred:

I have been pondering your question about Skorseny. No doubt he has an exciting story to tell, but I suppose that to publish it might contribute in some measure to the revival of Nazi and Fascist glory. I take it that Skorseny was one of the worst thugs of the lot. As to how to get in contact with him, I just don't know. It was my impression that, while he was in Spain, he was living more or less under cover, protected by the Spanish police. In any case, I should doubt whether you could make much progress working through the Embassy. It occurs to me that possibly the C. I. A. people might know something of Skorseny's whereabouts. Couldn't you write to Allen Dulles and ask for suggestions? Allen might also be able to give you an opinion as to the wisdom of pursuing the project at all.

It's great to be back here for the summer, instead of sweltering in Washington. I hope you, too, manage to get a breather during the hot months.

With warm regards,

(SIGNED)

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